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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD GATT

SUBJECT: RENEGOTIATION OF INDONESIAN GATT SCHEDULE

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1. INDONESIA MISSION (AWUY) REPORTS THEIR AUTHORITIES NEARING COMPLETION OF NECESSARY STATISTICAL AND TARIFF CONCORDANCE INFORMATION AND WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGIN GATT ARTICLE XXVIII RENEGOTIATIONS ON THEIR NEW SCHEDULE EARLY 1975. AWUY SAID THEY STRONGLY PREFER HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN JAKARTA, WHERE INDONESIAN EXPERTISE IS LOCATED, AND WHERE DECISIONS MADE. AWUY SAID U.S. EMBASSY STAFF JAKARTA IS WELL GROUNDED IN TRADE POLICY MATTERS. MISSION SAID NORMAL ARTICLE XXVIII VENUE IS GENEVA BUT U.S. HAS NEGOTIATED IN CAPITALS BEFORE. WE THEREFORE PROMISED SEEK WASHINGTON OPINION.

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND EC COMMISSION PREFERS GENEVA BECAUSE OF WON NEED COORDINATE WITH MEMBERS STATES. INDONESIA'S AWUY IS NOT WELL VERSED IN THE DETAILS
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OF GATT AND MAY BE SIMPLY TRYING TO AVOID

COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED. CERTAINLY IF AWUY WOULD
HANDLE ALL OF NEGOTIATIONS, WE BELIEVE U.S. INTERESTS
WOULD BEST BE SERVED BY JAKARTA VENUE. HE'S TERRIFIED OF
ENTIRE EXCERCISE, AND OUR EARLIER EFFORTS DISCUSS
DETAILS OF WHERE MATTER STOOD ENDED IN CONFUSION.
HOWEVER, AS RENEGOTIATION ENTIRE INDONESIA SCHEDULE IS
INVOLVED, WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT THAT MAJOR
SESSION COULD BE HELD WITHOUT INVOLVING DELEGATIONS
FROM CAPITALS. IN THAT EVENT, EITHER GENEVA OR JAKARTA
WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE. PLEASE ADVISE. DALE

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